

## ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

### Dried pet food

These conditions apply to the importation, from the USA, of commercially manufactured dry pet food products containing meat derived from birds, mammals or reptiles.

#### 1. DOCUMENTATION

- a. Permission to import the product into Australia must be obtained in writing from the Director of Animal and Plant Quarantine (Australia) (herein called the Director) prior to the product first being exported.
- b. Each consignment must be accompanied by the prescribed certification (Section 3) and will require, on arrival, a "Quarantine Entry" issued by the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service.
- c. Each application to the Director for permission to import must include the following details:
  - country of slaughter of the animals from which the meat was derived
  - country of export of the product
  - exporting company name and identification / veterinary control number
  - species from which meat derived
  - product type/name/size
  - full details of the process of manufacture
  - full description of type of container

Product type exported must correspond exactly to approved product.

#### 2. REQUIREMENTS

- a. The animals from which the meat was derived must have been subjected to ante-mortem and post-mortem veterinary inspection by officers of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).
- b. The processing establishment must have current approval from the Director during the production of the product. A standard of construction of the establishment equivalent to that set down in the Australian Government publication "Construction and Equipment Guidelines for Export Meat" is required. A standard of inspection and product handling equivalent to that in the Australian Government Export Meat Orders is required.
- c. The meat must be processed and packaged in a manner approved by the Director. The product must not require refrigeration.
- d. The identification number of the establishment where the meat was processed and the batch code number must be printed in indelible ink on each container.

### 3. CERTIFICATION

- a. A certificate (s), issued by a USDA veterinarian, and a declaration by the manufacturer, must accompany each consignment of meat.
- b. The declaration by the manufacturer must include the following information:
  - i) that identification number/veterinary control number of the processing establishment and batch number(s) of the product to which the declaration applies are embossed or stamped in indelible ink on each can or container;
  - ii) the processing which the product has undergone;
  - iii) that the processing in ii) and the packaging are approved by the Director of Animal and Plant Quarantine (Australia);
  - iv) that the product does not require refrigeration.
- c. The veterinary certificate must include the following information:
  - i) species of animal in each batch / product type;
  - ii) that the animals from which the meat was derived were subjected to ante-mortem and post-mortem veterinary inspection and were found to be free from contagious and infectious disease;
  - iii) that the veterinarian has examined the manufacturer's declaration and has no reason to doubt the truth of any particular in that declaration.

### 4. REVIEW

Conditions for importation may be reviewed at any time at the discretion of the Director.